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Parker and the Platform.

If the democrats are on the way to the nomination of Judge Parker, the question of a platform becomes somewhat simplified. He should not be a hard man to fit. He has no political record that requires to be studied, and he possesses in platform matters the spirit of accommodation. Witness his acceptance of the Chicago and Kansas City platforms when he was not in agreement with either. As a candidate he could not, of course, stand upon a reaffirmation of either of those deliverances, or upon a platform repeating in substance the policies which the country has twice rejected. But he will be a good man to father generalities, and to both write and talk around ticklish topics.

It was never difficult to fit Mr. Cleveland with a platform, even after he had made a record. He stood upon what was prepared for him. Twice his friends tried to shape the deliverances to his and their liking, but both times failed. The platform which Mr. Gorman took to St. Louis in 1888 was very unlike the one which Mr. Waterson induced the convention to adopt, but the change made no difference with Mr. Cleveland. He desired the Gorman platform, but willingly accepted the other. The main thing was the nomination, and that had come to him without a contest.

Enter Wyse, of Wyse and Wilson.

Mr. Wilson of Hinsdale, Ill., with desk room in Chicago—standing in noble attitude as guardian of the national honor and the American Constitution, now has a prototype in France. M. Bonaparte Wyse, the original concessionaire of the Panama canal, has flung himself into the breach caused by the non-suiciding of Colombia by the civil courts, and declares that he will fight to uphold the honor of France. Only the loftiest motives inspire him in the institution of the suits which he proposes to bring to check the transaction now pending between the United States and the new canal company. The abandonment of the canal as a French enterprise, he cries with true Parisian fervor, is a monstrous crime. He proposes—indeed, using the plural pronoun, perhaps from force of habit—to “seek the support of the public and press in a campaign of public purification.”

That sounds almost as fine as Mr. Wilson's little speech to the American people. Pro home public! But will France warm up to this cry of “Panama for the French”? It has not shown any signs thus far of throwing its own loss of the canal enterprise to the French capitalists. Forty millions of American money have seemed like a fairly acceptable bribe to an abashed national utility. For the people of France there are unpleasant and unsavory reminiscences connected with the Panama canal—due in part to the reckless manner in which the French financiers and engineers managed the property. Panama spells heavy losses to thousands of French families. M. Wyse is probably building on a sandy foundation when he establishes himself on the ground of an appeal to French patriotism to the end that Panama may become again a strictly French enterprise. Far be it from any American, with the Wilson spectacle in mind, to suggest that Mr. Wyse, too, has been receiving calls from “gentlemen from Bogota,” or that he is in wireless or other communication with any American railroad magnates. He, too, asseverates with every evidence of sincerity and without the least wrinkle of a smile, that he is for France, and France alone. The world will regard the Wyse-Wilson patriotic stunt as being worthy to be carried as “top-liners” on the great international vaudeville bill.

Owing in part to the efforts of Mr. Bristow, events have so shaped themselves that some members of Congress are more concerned about local conditions affecting their prospects than they are about questions of national legislation.

If General Miles were to espouse the cause of prohibition he would probably go a step further in sanitary requirements and insist that the water be filtered.

If the preparations for a canal lead to better sanitary conditions on the isthmus the preliminary work will in itself represent a merit to humanity.

Mimic Warfare at St. Louis.

A cable from Krugersdorp, South Africa, runs as follows: “General Delarey, the former Boer commander, addressing a congress of farmers today, said he regretted the forthcoming representation of scenes from the Boer war at the St. Louis exposition, which he said would be a shameful production. General Delarey said he wished to bring to the notice of the world the fact that the Boers had abandoned all thoughts of vindictiveness toward Great Britain, and that it was now their privilege to work in peace.”

These are sentiments worthy of a soldier and a patriot. The Boers in their recent war with Great Britain made a resistance which for courage and resource and tenacity challenged general admiration. To share in this feeling it was not necessary to endorse the cause of the Boers, or applaud their judgment in tackling an antagonist of such huge proportions. What alone was sufficient to inspire it was the spirit manifested by men who, rightly or wrongly, felt that their all was at stake. They claimed themselves, and they were fighting for their freedom, and national rights, and they appealed for outside sympathy and support on the basis of that claim.

General Delarey's criticism is directed at a plan to reproduce in miniature at St. Louis some of the more stirring events of the Boer war, with men participating who were prominent in the real struggle. Boers of reputation who performed remarkable feats in the actual field in South Africa are

to appear as showmen now, and for pay, entertain crowds with mimic displays of their former heroism. It is a widely advertised feature of the big show, and doubtless will prove a drawing one.

At the same time no former Boer commander who appears in it can hope to gather more than his wages in dollars and cents from his part, and such coin cannot give him the best of comfort. At home he was a soldier engaged in real warfare, fighting not alone for himself, but for his countrymen, for the common weal. At St. Louis he will be but a play actor, a mimic, often taking his lines from himself. It is true, but none the less trafficking for private gain in the memories of his country and its defeat. He will be on exhibition for the share of gate money.

So far as the situation in South Africa is concerned, General Delarey's message will be welcome in all ears. Peace and prosperity down there should be the aim of all the people, and Boers and British alike should contribute everything possible toward all good ends. The opportunity is ample for promoting the general welfare.

The Vice Presidency at St. Louis.

The Indiana democrats have their eyes on the vice presidency. As the old combination of Tammany Hall and the solid south gains in popularity the old combination of New York and Indiana is insisted upon by the Hoosiers. They rule out the west on the score that a contest there would be fruitless. Mr. Roosevelt's strength in that section is reckoned at a conquering figure, and so democratic votes must be sought in the middle states. It is a good argument, and if properly used should make Indiana a powerful factor at St. Louis.

It is true the Indiana of today, politically speaking—and especially with reference to the democracy—is not the Indiana of 1876, 1880, or of 1884. In those days the democrats had several strong men to draw upon, and one in particular. Mr. Hendricks was a tower of strength, and always at his party's service. His fame and influence were national, but at home he came very near to being the whole thing. Were he alive now his party's difficulty would soon be settled. A Hendricks boom for first place would sweep the democracy, and New York would be figuring on the second place.

But if Indiana has changed, so has New York. The present democratic leaders of the Hoosier state compare with leaders who are gone quite as favorably as the democratic leaders of present New York do with those of twenty and thirty years ago. Judge Parker, worthy as personally popular as he is, ranks in intellectual leadership much below Judge Church, or Tilden, or Hoffman, or Hewitt. They were men of national importance, and stood with the ablest in the country in either party. The democrats who are now on deck in that state, with the single exception of Mr. Hill, are of local name and parochial quality.

If, therefore, Judge Parker is to be nominated for first place purely because of his local strength, the democrats may as well nominate some man of equal degree among them whose local strength and popularity give hope of polling the party's full vote there. The effort should be, not to reach the Hendricks standard, but that would be impossible, but the Parker standard in New York. And that should not be difficult.

The issue, in any event, is assured for the St. Louis ticket. What develops upon the democracy is to nominate men who figure respectfully at home, and can be praised during the campaign to the people of the neighboring states. The party's ablest and most brilliant men are barred this year because of their records.

Labor in Panama.

There seems to be progress on the isthmus—American progress—even before we appear to take charge of the canal. The canal which the railroad hands threaten to strike unless their hours are shortened and their wages raised. It would be a mistake, however, for labor in Panama to assume too much. Work is certain to increase and money to be more plentiful as the result of the canal enterprise, but there will be an increase also in the number of that class of people who work with their hands, and this will prevent any corner in the labor market. So far as we are concerned, we shall be able and willing to pay living wages for what is done for us, but shall also be prepared against hold-ups. We are pledged to dig the canal as soon as possible, and of course at a reasonable figure.

The democrats desire an ideal man for their candidate. If they find him there is a question whether they can persuade him to put up with some of the company he will find in politics.

Captain Hobson will be inclined to warn the Russian heroes against allowing themselves to be indiscriminately kissed by the admiring populace.

The joyousness of springtime is enhanced by the fact that there is no trust holding in its grasp the young onions and asparagus.

It is time that grown-up folk should be reminded that egg rolling is a juvenile pastime and that adults must not get in the way.

Mr. Smoot has managed to side-track a great deal of the discussion of polygamy so as to land it on Mr. Smith's doorstep.

Russia is as proud of victory or an escape from defeat as if Japan were big enough to cover half the map of Asia.

Mr. Bryan is not having much luck with wills than he has with platforms.

The Pistol Law Not Adequate.

The Star feels compelled by considerations of the public security to take issue with the corporation counsel in his report that the present law regulating the sale of firearms in the District is a sufficient safeguard. His opinion was asked by the Commissioners on account of the recent shooting of War Department clerks by a paroled inmate of the St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the Insane. That case appeared to show conclusively that the present system is far from safe or reliable. It permits any man, whatever his condition of mind, whatever his standing or his purpose, to purchase a pistol at any one of several dozen establishments within easy reach, by merely giving a name and address, purporting to be his own, but offering no guarantee and bringing no proofs that he is stating them correctly. Such a system is virtually no protection. The man, approaching adulthood is by no means barred from the possession of dangerous weapons. The intoxicated man, the crazy man, the man inflamed with rage, all can get the means for committing murder for a few dollars with no delay whatever. When crime is committed and the weapon is traced it appears that the vendor has gone through the motions of a compliance with the law and is blameless, even though foolery by the purchaser. No action can be taken against him.

It is believed that a far more certain method of protecting the public from the habitual or the sporadic pistol carriers would be to prohibit the sale of these deadly weapons to any persons save those to whom the law has granted special permits, after ascertaining their identities and needs and circumstances. Until such a rule or law is enforced, with proper punishments meted out to dealers who violate it in the sale of weapons to others than the holders of permits, the public will be continually at the mercy of men of sudden passion or deliberate intent to kill. This rule would not, of course, prevent homicides. But it would

at least lessen the chance of the murderously inclined or the reckless to arm themselves preparatory to the taking of life.

The obliging bookmaker is willing to adopt any method of gambling that does not conflict with the technicalities of the law.

Judge Parker is one of the fortunate individuals who do not have to do their own hornblowing in this life.

SHOOTING STARS.

A Sordid Estimate.

“Don't you envy the records of such men as Daniel Webster and Henry Clay?” “Well,” answered Senator Sorghum, “Webster and Clay were interesting talkers. But they never made much money that I have heard of.”

“All that some men gets out of an education,” said Uncle Eben, “is do ability to talk foolishness grammatically.”

No Respite.

The mournful truth will soon be felt. Which every summer we must learn; It costs as much for Joe to melt As it has cost for coal to burn.

The Worst of It.

“Life is full of trials,” said the melancholy citizen. “Yes,” answered Mr. Grafton Grab, and the worst of it is that a whole lot of the trials are resulting in convictions.”

Sinister.

“A man feels like a fool when he is proposing to a girl,” said the confiding youth. “Yes,” answered Miss Cayenne, “and some of the unlucky ones feel that way many years after she has accepted him.”

Thoroughness.

“I've done my duty like a man,” the congressman exclaimed. “My record all the world may scan. I need not be ashamed. My voice, reliable and strong. I've lifted day by day. I've spoken loud; I've spoken long. There's nothing more to say.”

“My stipend I have sought to earn Since first I took my seat. ‘Tis true, some tasks when I return Each year are incomplete. My business short I sometimes cut. I mourn at the delay In my achievement—but There's nothing more to say.”

Japan's Army.

From the London Times.

There is every reason to suppose that the Japanese army is as ably organized and as ably led as the Japanese navy. The spirit in which the people took the news of the great success achieved by their sailors is particularly admirable and particularly instructive. There was no unworthy outburst of noisy excitement and self-assertion. Japan heard of her first victory—a victory on which so very much hung—with manifest relief, but with dignity and self-restraint. That is the temper which makes nations formidable when it is combined with discipline and scientific training. Japan has proved that she possesses all these qualities in her sailors. It will be rash indeed of the Russians to assume that she possesses them in a less degree in the soldiers who will soon show their mettle in conflict with the armies of the czar.

Burn of the Parks.

From the Brooklyn Eagle.

Expressions of public opinion show that the sinister character of the proposition to convert the parks of the city into school sites was not understood or appreciated at the outset. The protest against this outrageous scheme has spread wider and wider. For it is, indeed, an outrage to close or limit the spaces, already far too small, which have been created in congested quarters of the town for the letting in of light and enlightenment, the sanitation that comes of sun and moving air and of the prosperity of personal health induced by play and freedom of movement. The intention to partly close the parks was not made from any unlawful motive, but merely to meet a contingency. It does not meet that contingency. It merely increases the eventual difficulty.

Time to Clean Up.

From the Wilkesbarre Leader.

The weather for the last few days has awakened pleasant anticipations. They are especially cheering at the close of a winter unprecedented in this latitude, so far as the average memory goes, in point of continuous severity and resulting hardships. It may be that our expectation of an early spring is doomed to disappointment; that there are still some disagreeable surprises in store for us. But even if that be so, the advent of real spring weather cannot in the course of nature be long delayed. It brings us to the annual cleaning up time. The long and trying winter has had a wearing and depressing effect upon the vitality of people in general, particularly upon the poorer classes, whose hygienic environments have been unfavorable.

Base Ball is Coming.

From the New York Mail.

The base ball season heralds its advent with the distant notes of rivalry and struggle that come from the practice fields of that game. There the teams of the leagues that are to endure summer sports with their athletic prowess are getting tan and building muscle. Pitchers and catchers are rehearsing for their efforts to win the plaudits of the bleachers.

The Moving Habit.

From the Knoxville Sentinel.

The time has arrived when a peculiar fever seems to afflict the American household. If it isn't the spirit of spring cleaning, it is of a more serious nature and, in principle, particularly upon the poorer classes, whose hygienic environments have been unfavorable.

Take Care.

From the Atlanta Constitution.

In round figures there are 30,000,000 microbes in a plate of ice cream, and the name of the microbe would drive the most alphabetically notorious Russian to suicide. We merely mention this as a warning to our lady friends, knowing that the imminent heated term has sore temptations.

Consoling.

From the Birmingham Ledger.

Strawberries are in the market, and don't cost quite as much as diamonds, either.

Not a Cancer Cure.

From the Chicago News.

Radium refuses to live up to the advertisement.

Only Tesla.

From the Mexico Herald.

Tesla's opinion is that his new invention of a transmission and receiving tower will do away with newspapers. But he has been so sure of so many things.

The Worst Ever.

From the Boston Herald.

A panic in a theater from a fire scare is bad enough, but a panic in a church on account of a fight in the congregation is considerably worse.

A Common Drink.

From the New York World.

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